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In re Application of:)
Masahiro YAMAMOTO) Group Art Unit: 2623
Serial No.: 09/648,372) Examiner: Vikram Bali
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For: PATTERN INSPECTION)
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, the period for response to which extends through September 3, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Attachments include a Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.48(a).